


Japan

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Praise Report

Praise God for the resilience of the Church in Japan. Though the number of Christian Believers is small, churches continue to meet, and share their faith. Pray for fruit to come from their perseverance (The Bible, [2 Thessalonians 3:5](#)).

Prayer Requests

Some mission agencies and Japanese churches have adopted an increasing focus on the needy rural areas of Japan. Cry out for places where there is no established church, that God will change this (The Bible, [Luke 9:2](#)).

Pray for growing churches in the city to disciple young people well in Christian faith, and instill a passion for the lost that will lead them to share the gospel effectively within Japan (The Bible, [Romans 1:16](#)).

Call to Salvation

Ask the Holy Spirit to blow on this nation that even more will come to know Jesus Christ when it seems like an impossible task ([2 Corinthians 5:20](#)).

Sources:

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

An archipelago of 6,852 islands, Japan has the world's third-largest economy and is a major donor to world crises. Three-quarters of the nation's population lives in big cities, together with one of the world's most aging populations has resulted in specific needs in rural areas as young people all move to the cities in search of work. A strong traditional core has been flanked by a progressive younger generation valuing Western culture and ideas. Japan suffers from a high suicide rate, the leading cause of death for those under 30. Fewer than two percent are Christian; it is still one of the world's most secular nations. Seventy percent of Japanese identify with no personal religion, although most adhere to Shinto and Buddhist

customs. This year Japan was rocked by the assassination of former prime minister, Shinzo Abe, during a campaign speech. The election was won by the new prime minister, Fumio Kishida.

CHIEF OF STATE

Emperor Naruhito

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Fumio Kishida

POPULATION

126.3 million

CHRISTIANS

2.2%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.6%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Shintoism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

12,491

LIFE EXPECTANCY

84.74 yrs

LITERACY RATE

99%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

16%